

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: VID-20190904-WA0003.mp4

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 2000233.008

Medium: Video File

Maker: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 22 September 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 22 September 2020

	Components	Running time
Feature(s):	VID-20190904-WA0003.mp4	4:54
Total running time:		4:54

Summary of reasons for decision:

The video file is an amateur video depicting a series of fatal attacks on individuals by a large crowd of people. There is nothing within the content of this publication that condemns the violence and cruelty depicted, or offers an alternative reading. Without any features that mitigate the promotional effect, nor any wider context, the publication clearly promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence and cruelty under s3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The only purpose of the publication appears to be affirm and validate the actions of the perpetrators. The classification of objectionable given to this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act be

deemed objectionable. This classification is also a reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression that reflects the concern of "a free and democratic society" to limit the availability of publications that promote and support acts of extreme violence and cruelty.